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## Weather

8 A.M.: 66°  
2 P.M.: 82°  
5 P.M.: 78°  
CHANCE OF RAIN: 0%

WEATHER REPORT, C8

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## News Now

### LOCAL & STATE

◆ **THREE NOTABLE OFFICE** buildings in downtown Orlando's skyline have been sold to a San Diego group. **B1**

◆ **ORLANDO IS TESTING** a new city website it hopes can save residents the trip to City Hall. **B1**

◆ **STATE TROOPERS** will be out in force during the holidays as they look for speeders, and reckless and drunken drivers. **B2**

### NATION & WORLD

◆ **THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL** approves new sanctions on North Korea after its latest launch of a ballistic missile purportedly capable of striking any part of the U.S. mainland. **A3**

◆ **THE EXPANSION** of a child tax credit sounds like good news for families, but a closer look reveals it may provide little relief for some of the lowest-income families, tax experts say. **A8**

◆ **VIDEO ABOARD** an Amtrak train that derailed in Washington state shows crews weren't using personal electronic devices. **A8**

### SPORTS

◆ **AS NEW FSU COACH** Willie Taggart continues to fill out an "egoless" staff, he wants the focus of his assistant coaches to be on the players. **C1**

◆ **THE MAGIC DROP** their 7th straight game as DeMarcus Cousins scores 26 points to power the Pelicans to a 111-97 victory. **C1**

◆ **OKLAHOMA STATE'S** Mike Gundy, whose team will play Thursday in the Camping World Bowl, says the new early signing period is great for college football. **C1**

### STYLE & HOME

◆ **USING METALLICS** to brighten your home for the holidays doesn't have to end when the calendar changes. **D1**

## TOP STORY

# Trump signs tax measure into law

## President downplays unpopularity of plan

BY LAURIE KELLMAN  
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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump signed the \$1.5 trillion tax overhaul into law Friday, using his last moments in the White House before flying to Florida for the holidays to celebrate a much-needed political win.

He also signed a temporary spending bill to keep the govern-

ment running and provide money to upgrade the nation's missile defenses. The tax cut, which fulfilled a long-held Republican goal, was at the forefront of Trump's mind.

Starting next year, the new law will give big cuts to corporations and wealthy Americans and more modest reductions to other families. Trump continued to pitch it as a win for the middle class, insisting that even though polling indicates the tax cut is

unpopular, "the numbers will speak" for themselves.

"I don't think we are going to have to do much selling," Trump told reporters in the Oval Office.

The tax law is the largest since 1986, but far from the biggest in American history, as the president repeatedly claims. It also is projected to add to the nation's debt, something that was anathema to Republicans for years.

Please turn to **TAXES, A3**

## Officials: Have a plan for games

Parking, road work present challenges

BY JEFF WEINER  
Staff Writer

With the ever-shifting traffic and detours prompted by construction on Interstate 4, downtown Orlando can be a tricky place for even frequent visitors to navigate.

But a pair of upcoming bowl games just days apart — the Camping World Bowl on Thursday and Citrus Bowl on New Year's Day — will bring a deluge of fans from across the country to Camping World Stadium, which is also hosting Monster Jam and the NFL Pro Bowl next month.

City officials say they're prepared to handle the extra traffic and there's plenty of parking downtown to accommodate football crowds, despite the construction detours and recent closure of the parking lots beneath I-4.

Still, they say any locals planning to attend the game should have a plan before heading downtown — and get on the road early.

"A lot of them wait until the last minute," said Scott Walker, the city's traffic control manager. "If kickoff is at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and they live locally, they leave at 1:30 p.m. and they expect to get in, park and still have 20 minutes left."

In an interview this week, Walker and other city officials shared some tips for avoiding a headache while visiting downtown for the big games.

■ **Tip No. 1: Have a parking plan**

The last of the parking lots beneath I-4, long one of the most visible parking areas for

Please turn to **TRAFFIC, A11**

## WITH A GLEAM IN HER EYE



RED HUBER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Candy Brown, 7, can't contain her excitement as she gets ready to pick a gift from a table full of toys with help from volunteer Larry Perez as her mother, Denise Smith, looks on during the Orlando Union Rescue Mission's annual Christmas banquet Friday. In addition to gifts for children, as well as clothing and hygiene items for adults, the charity event featured a hot meal of turkey, green beans and sweet potatoes.

## Holidays can bring further stress for those with autism

BY NASEEM S. MILLER  
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The last time Stephanie Cooper took her son David to church service was two years ago, when he was 7.

David has autism and can't sit still for long periods of time. Not too long after the service started, he was put in the crying room.

"I finally gave up and said that I could teach him about the word of God at home and there are Christmas programs on TV," said Cooper, of Ocoee. "I can't speak for other parents, but for me it's easier to stay home."

It was a tough decision for

Cooper, who gives autism training to first responders for a living. With at least one in 68 children diagnosed with autism in the United States, she is far from alone in her experience during the holidays.

"For most, the holidays can be a magical time and a fun time, but if you have a child with autism, it can be a stressful time," said Lindsay Naeder, director of Autism Response Team at the national nonprofit Autism Speaks.

Routines are disrupted. Lights, music and crowds mean unwelcome sensory overloads.

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## Side gigs gaining traction as source for extra holiday cash

BY KYLE ARNOLD  
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The holidays have become a hustle for Julie Wilder.

The DeLand-based restaurant consultant carves out as much time as she can between October and December for her side business, selling astronomy calendars she designs on Etsy, the online selling platform for handmade goods. The calendars track how planetary bodies and constellations interact.

"It's my side hustle," said Wilder, who said she made about \$15,000 in 2016 selling calendars. "And this is my big

season where I spend at least some part of every day packing and shipping."

The holidays are the busiest time of the year for many of these side jobs and part-time gigs in the Orlando area. Companies say locals are looking for extra cash at a financially demanding time of year and businesses that offer contract work say there is also a need.

"The holidays and tax time, really any time there are significant outlays of cash there is a lot of interest in side jobs," said Diane Mulcahy, author of "The Gig Economy" and an entre-

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## Voices & Opinion

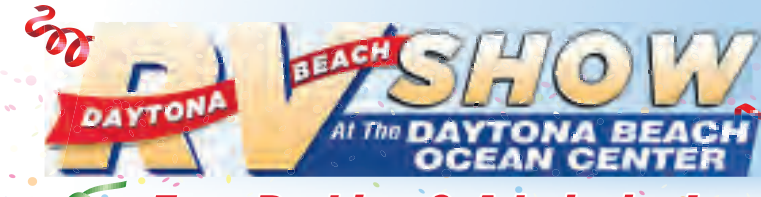
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## What To Do Today

### SILVER SCREENS

A spate of new movies hit theaters this week. From family fare such as "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle" (pictured) and "The Greatest Showman" to surreal sci-fi in "Downsizing" and "The Shape of Water," there is something out there for all ages and tastes. Check the listings at your favorite movie house for what's playing near you.



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